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**MAYOR BARRETT CALLS ON 'AMERICAN IDOL' FANS TO VOTE
FOR DANNY GOKEY**

Milwaukee native could make final 3 on hit reality show

Mayor Barrett is calling on fans of 'American Idol' to cast a vote for Milwaukee native Danny Gokey.

Gokey will perform on "American Idol" tonight at 7 on FOX 6. Immediately afterward, the phone lines will open for two hours, from 8 to 10 p.m., for voting. Viewers can call or text their votes for Gokey with the phone numbers that will appear on the screen during the show.

The results will be shown tomorrow at 8 p.m. on "American Idol." There are currently four contestants still competing on the show. Tonight's performance will determine which three move onto the top three, where they will have a chance at making the "American Idol" finale on May 19.

"Milwaukee is full of talented musicians and artists, so it's exciting to see one of our own get so far in this national competition," Barrett said. "I will show my support for Danny and all musicians in the City by calling in my vote for Danny tonight. I hope residents of Milwaukee do the same, and I hope they will support other local artists by attending plays, art shows and concerts in the City."

Gokey is 28 years old and lives in Milwaukee. He is involved at Faith Builders Christian Church and leads their worship services.